

## DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

**AMENDMENT DATE:** June 25, 2007  
**POSITION:** Neutral

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 697  
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### **BILL SUMMARY:** Compost Use: Highway Landscape Maintenance

This bill would require the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and persons contracting with that department to use compost produced in the state and to use compost in place of, or to supplement, petroleum-based commercial fertilizers in the state's highway landscape maintenance.

### **FISCAL SUMMARY**

Caltrans indicates there would be no fiscal impact to this bill because it currently uses compost produced in the state and in place of petroleum-based commercial fertilizers when possible.

### **SUMMARY OF CHANGES**

Amendments to this bill since our analysis of the April 19, 2007 version include the following significant amendments which do change our position:

- Elimination of the reporting requirement to the Legislature.
- Elimination of the requirement on Caltrans to develop a 10-year plan to increase compost/mulch use and to decrease pesticide/chemical fertilizer use.

### **COMMENTS**

This bill would have no fiscal impact and concerns a policy matter on which Finance is neutral.

Current law requires Caltrans to use compost and mulch as an alternative to commercial fertilizers in its landscape maintenance program and to report to the Integrated Waste Management Board on its compost/mulch usage.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)								Fund Code
	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)								
	CO	PROP								
	RV	98	FC	2007-2008	FC	2008-2009	FC	2009-2010		
2660/Caltrans	SO	No	----- See Fiscal Summary -----						0042	
<u>Fund Code</u>	<u>Title</u>									
0042	Highway Account, State, STF									

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